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DETAILED ACTION

• This action is responsive to the following communication: an amendment filed on 8/13/2009.

• Claims 1, 5-6, 11-13 are now allowed; claims 2-4, 7-10 have been canceled.

Response to Arguments

• Applicant's arguments, see pages 5-6, filed 8/13/2009, with respect to claim 12 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 112, 2nd paragraph rejection of claim 12 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

- Claims 1, 5-6, 11-13 are allowed; renumbered as claims 1-6 respectively.
- The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The cited prior arts (US 5828780 to Suzuki et al; US 5884120 to Ito et al; US 5627995 to Miller et al) of record teach a method of determining whether an entire image data is within reproduction range, however, the prior arts fail to teach and/or suggest "a determiner for determining whether or not image data on each page are within a color reproduction range of the output device, wherein the determining determines a number of results equal to the number of the plural pages" and in combinations of other features as cited in independent claim 1.
- Claim 12 recites the same or similar claim limitations and/or features as recited in independent claim 1 and therefore are found to be allowable for the same or similar reasons as stated and mentioned above in independent claim 1.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THIERRY L. PHAM whose telephone number is (571)272-7439. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30 AM - 6:00 PM).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles can be reached on (571)272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Thierry L Pham/

Examiner, Art Unit 2625